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Marijuana Field Discovered by Border Patrol Agents Assist Narcotics Task Force in Eradication

Cuyamaca State Park, Calif - Border Patrol agents and the San Diego Narcotics Task Force eradicated a field of nearly 2000 marijuana plants early this morning.

A pre-dawn raid of the sight yielded 1823 plants, a sophisticated irrigation system, and the grower's campsite. No arrests were made at the time of the raid. Officials are investigating several leads.

Border Patrol agents from the Campo Border Patrol Station's "Hauser Canyon Unit" discovered the field hidden in Cuyamaca State Park several days ago while following a tip from California State Parks Department officers concerning a campsite of suspected illegal aliens.

This morning, the agents returned to lead officers from the San Diego Narcotics Task Force, which is comprised of law enforcement officers from the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Sheriff's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, to the hidden field.

The plants, which had not yet reached full growth, weighed in at more than 1367 pounds. DEA estimated street value of the illegal narcotics is more than \$546,000.

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Video footage available